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NATIONAL BROILER MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



Majority prices were trending unchanged in the West, lower elsewhere. Trade sentiment was steady to weak, but mostly weak. Demand entering the weekend was slow to fair, at times moderate for fast food. Industry's attention was mostly focused on Hurricane Rita and the harmful effects it can have on the Gulf regions. Offerings of all sizes were adequate to ample and frequently discounted to aid in movement. Floor stocks were balanced to long. In the parts structure, movement was slightly better where weekend needs increased; otherwise, demand was slow to fair. Wings were adequate to available, dark meat was at least sufficient, and breast items were fully adequate to ample with little movement. In production areas, live supplies were moderate; weights were in a full range, but mostly desirable.

Preliminary report Prices negotiated for trucklot sales of ready-to-cook broiler/fryers fob and delivered to first receivers at major market areas week of 26-SEP-2005 (cents per lb)

US GRADE A

(Including branded product)

AREAS	MAJORITY	RANGE	WTD AVG	LOADS
Delivered to First Receivers				
Chicago	63.00-66.00	45.00-75.75	64.88	28
New York	68.00-71.00			
Los Angeles	82.00			
Southeast Area FOB Dock Equivalent				
Mississippi	75.00-77.00	58.00-81.00	75.35	86

GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for this week's trading is 75.25 cents based on ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds.

PRELIMINARY FOB DOCK OR EQUIVALENT

LOADS	RANGE	FRIDAY PRELIM. WTD. AVG.
973	71.85-76.86	75.12
Georgia f.o.b. dock confirmed preliminary weighted average price on ice packed parts:		
ITEM	WTD. AVG. (CENTS PER POUND)	VOLUME (000 POUNDS)
LINE RUN TENDERS	177.00	1,281
BREASTS - B/S	151.50	6,128
BREASTS - WHOLE	87.00	1,358
THIGH MEAT - B/S	138.00	1,014
LEG QUARTERS	48.50	7,804
WINGS	97.00	3,015

This information is supplied by the Georgia Department of Agriculture's Poultry Market News Service.

MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYERS Preliminary delivered prices for next week's Chicago area trade moved lower from last Monday's market quote. The market tone was mostly weak. Much trade concern focused on affects Hurricane Rita will have on economy, markets and people in affected area. Offerings were available for the very light trade call. Demand into all channels was very quiet, slow to fair at best. Floor stocks were adequate to ample; weights mixed. Parts offerings were light. The market tone was weak on breast cuts, steady to fully steady on wings and steady on the balance.

SOUTHERN BROILER Trade sentiment was barely steady to weak. Demand entering the weekend was slow to fair with most interest focused on Hurricane Rita and possible effects it can have on the market. Supplies of all sizes were more than sufficient to handle limited trade needs. In the parts structure, trading was fair at best with supplies of all items at least adequate to ample with breast items in the longest balance and discounted. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mixed, but mostly desirable weights.

WESTERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS Preliminary majority prices were unchanged. The market tone was generally steady to weak. Buying activity was light. Trading reported for next weeks' delivery at mainly unchanged prices for regular commitments, and unchanged to lower for new negotiations. Offerings were adequate to ample. Lightweight product in fair balance and heavy weight WOGs ample for trade needs. Steep discounts reported. Buyers' focused on regular commitments, with interest in additional product slow to develop. Retailer demand was moderate at best. Dealers anticipated heavier than desired week-end carryovers. Trade sentiment was steady overall on part with breast in the weakest position.

NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYERS Trucklot buying activity on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers was mostly light to no better than fair entering the weekend. Offerings of all sizes were readily available and discounted where product was in excess. Retail and distributive movement was light to fair. The market tone continued weak and unsettled. In the parts complex, breast items were fully adequate and slow in clearing. Dark meat cuts were at least adequate. Wings were adequate to fully adequate.

DELMARVA BROILER/FRYERS Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds was disappointingly slow to fair at best entering the weekend. Offerings remained ample and competitively priced as sellers sought to bring a better balance to on hand supplies. Live supplies were moderate; weights were light to heavy, mostly desirable. Processor schedules were moderate to moderately heavy. Less than trucklot asking prices were 1 cent lower at 69 to 80 cents. Trade sentiment continued weak and unsettled. In the parts complex, supplies were fully adequate to ample for current inquiry.

*BROILER/FRYER CURRENT NEGOTIATED PRICES FOR IMMEDIATE DELIVERY INCLUDES MOSTLY MULTIPLE-DROP SHIPMENTS OF BRANDED AND WING TAGGED TO NEW YORK CITY FROM DELMARVA.

BRANDED U.S. GRADE A

RANGE	67-88
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	(A)
NO. OF BOXES	(A)
CUMULATIVE	(A)
09/19/05-09/23/05	(A)
09/20/04-09/24/04	(A)
NO. OF BOXES	(A)
09/19/05-09/23/05	(A)
09/20/04-09/24/04	(A)

(A) Not released to avoid disclosing individual operations

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SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS

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	POUNDS				WTD	POUNDS				WTD	WEEKLY
ITEM	(000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	AVG		(000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG	(000)	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	575	102.00-175.00	-	119.71		659	105.00-175.00	-	118.16	2,862	121.89
TENDERLOINS	733	105.00-182.00	143-147	144.09		175	141.00-181.00	143-145	144.71	1,545	146.05
BREAST - LINE RUN	114	80.00-88.00	82-84	83.04		134	80.00-88.00	82-85	84.84	610	85.98
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT					TOO FEW TO REPORT				245	57.08
LEGS	TOO FEW TO REPORT					TOO FEW TO REPORT				285	61.92
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	556	44.00-47.00	45-46	45.71		636	44.00-47.00	45-46	45.62	2,950	45.69
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	850	43.00-48.00	47	46.36		990	46.00-50.00	47-48	47.78	4,180	47.48
WINGS (WHOLE)	287	92.00-99.00	93-95	94.66		329	90.00-99.00	-	95.28	1,537	93.78
WINGS (CUT)	290	109.00-115.00	112-114	113.16		135	109.00-115.00	110-112	112.44	1,385	113.40
DRUMSTICKS	69	50.00-72.00	-	52.65		68	57.00-82.00	-	73.24	352	56.98
THIGHS	68	55.00-69.00	-	58.41		TOO FEW TO REPORT				222	59.19
B/S THIGHS	81	128.00-140.00	132-135	133.09		TOO FEW TO REPORT				411	132.14

WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS						WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS					
TRADING FOR SEP 22, 2005 -- F.O.B. DOCK.						TRADING FOR SEP 23, 2005 -- F.O.B. DOCK.					

RANGE**TODAY'S AVERAGE****RANGE****TODAY'S AVERAGE****5-DAY AVERAGE**

50.00 - 55.00

51.69

50.00 - 52.50

51.17

50.76

The Index is intended solely as an indicator of values for commodity-type product and does not represent industry's willingness to sell or ability to buy.

NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS - Trucklot buying activity increased slightly under normal weekend demand, however, dealers were cautious and selective and continued to assess the effects of the hurricane as it approaches the Gulf regions. Offerings of breast items were available and slow to clear. Dark meat cuts were at least sufficient with drums in the longest position. Wings were at least adequate. Retail and distributive movement was fair at best. The market tone was barely steady to weak for breast items. The balance of items were generally steady.

ICE PACKED BROILER/FRYER PARTS, DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS IN POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, CENTS PER POUND

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ITEM	CURRENT NEG			WTD	CURRENT NEG			WTD	VOL/LBS	WTD AVG	VOL/LBS
	TRADING*	AVG**	VOL/LBS		TRADING*	AVG**	VOL/LBS				
BREAST - B/S	125-130	137.33	704,220		125-130	137.10	553,040	140.12	3,052,140		
TENDERLOINS	145-150	144.57	181,000		140-145	144.80	91,260	144.39	846,227		
BREAST - WITH RIBS	84-85	91.36	82,080		82-83	93.50	70,080	92.54	369,800		
BREAST - LINE RUN	84	84.86	63,000		82	82.88	72,000	84.79	380,560		
LEGS	64-65	61.96	360,700		64-65	66.39	200,760	63.61	1,323,700		
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	47-48	47.28	286,999		47-48	49.23	223,240	48.08	1,350,279		
DRUMSTICKS	53-54	61.36	82,880		53-54	62.07	100,360	60.30	536,300		
THIGHS	61-62	65.51	45,640		61-62	69.34	50,360	66.61	263,740		
B/S THIGHS	135-136	123.19	115,840		135-136	138.92	60,360	127.53	458,300		
WINGS (WHOLE)	98-99	97.69	198,420		98-99	106.54	158,980	99.73	988,980		
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	12.46	30,640		10-12	12.09	19,720	11.92	100,400		
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	45-50	46.04	12,280		45-50	44.31	9,720	45.81	65,800		
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	70-75	73.09	12,680		70-75	75.11	16,720	71.98	66,640		

INCLUDES: NY CITY METRO. AREA, RI, NORTHERN NJ, MA, CT, PA (NORTHEAST OF HARRISBURG). * TODAY'S NEG. SALES AS OF 11:30 A.M.

** WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE OF ALL GRADES AND BRANDS OF PRODUCT SHIPPED, OR TO BE SHIPPED AS OF 1:30 P.M.

ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS (IN THOUSANDS)

	ESTIMATED		ACTUAL		AVG WT		ACTUAL		AVG WTS	
	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)
Alabama	4,126	4,125	3,904	4,052	5.34	5.36	5,106	5.36		
Arkansas	4,999	5,372	5,296	5,389	5.18	5.24	5,840	5.28		
Delmarva	2,227	2,289	2,190	2,284	5.61	5.57	2,217	5.61		
KY-LA-TN	2,509	2,344	2,321	2,001	5.12	5.30	2,599	5.08		
Mississippi	3,966	3,004	3,006	2,753	5.68	4.98	4,558	5.87		
North Carolina	3,002	2,548	2,491	2,524	6.50	6.53	2,567	6.49		
Texas	2,500	2,452	2,569	2,543	5.06	5.22	2,562	5.15		
Total	23,329	22,134	21,777	21,853	5.45	5.52	25,449	5.51		
Mon-Fri	111,972(A)						114,007(A)			
Saturday	1,956	(included in total for date shown)					2,498			

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above. Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 23-Sep-05 and 24-Sep-05 is estimated to be 34,903,000 head down 8.60 percent from a week ago and down -3.35 percent from a year ago.

(Last week 38,189,000, last year 36,113,000)

Weekly broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for the weekending 24-Sep-05 is estimated to be 165,596,000 head down 2.13 percent from a week ago, and up 2.39 percent from a year ago. (Last week 169,204,000, last year 161,724,000)

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED POULTRY, DELIVERED TO RETAILERS

	RANGE
FRESH FRYERS	97-99
ROASTERS 4# & UP	99-107
HENS UNDER 5#	
HENS OVER 5#	65-73
DUCKS	
RABBITS-WHOLE	
RABBITS-CUT UP	

SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED POULTRY DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS

	RANGE
FRESH FRYERS	ICE PACK 105-107
	DRY PACK 108
ROASTERS 4# & UP	ICE PACK 108-112
	DRY PACK 111-112
HENS OVER 5#	ICE PACK 93-95
	DRY PACK 95-105
DUCKS	180-192

YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED Under federal inspection, classified by live wt., week ending 10-Sep-05 (Preliminary),

(A) Fast food/ (B) Retail (C) Deboning
Food service
4.20 Lbs. & down 4.21-5.25 Lbs. 5.26 Lbs. & Up

	-----THOUSANDS-----		
Head	20,648	26,949	55,206
Avg Weight	3.66	4.64	6.31
% of total /1	20%	26%	54%

Comparisons

Last week	22,976	19,022	39,055
Avg Weight	3.80	4.79	6.23
% of total /1	28%	23%	48%

Same week, yr ago /2	22,560	18,434	47,825
Avg Weight	3.77	4.67	6.28
% of total /1	25%	21%	54%

To date/2005	987,899	809,601	1,757,932
To date/2004	952,665	776,204	1,634,621

/1 May not total to 100% due to rounding. /2 Comparable week.

(A) This weight class generally denotes chickens marketed in the fast food and food service industries. May also include cornish hens.

(B) This weight class generally denotes chickens marketed in the retail industry.

(C) This weight class generally denotes chickens used in further processing. May also include heavy roasters sold in retail channels.

LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION (Preliminary)

W/E 17-Sep-2005	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS	DUCKS
	-----THOUSANDS-----				

Head	169,204	1,331	1,551	2,882	453
Avg Wt	5.33	3.15	8.24	5.89	6.89
Last week	150,712	1,035	1,042	2,077	502
Same wk yr ago	154,376	1,443	1,561	3,004	484
Avg Wt	5.33	3.31	8.08	5.79	6.70
To-date/2005	5,954,984	54,793	52,488	107,281	18,323
To-date/2004	5,783,232	50,365	49,601	99,966	17,217

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 164.8 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period was 171.3 million head, or 6.5 million more than estimated available.

ESTIMATED U.S. FRYER SLAUGHTER/ FRYER AVAILABILITY COMPARISON

WEEK ENDING	MILLION HEAD SLAUGHTERED	MILLION HEAD AVAILABLE	PCT	AVG WT
August 13	170.7	167.6	102%	5.18
20	169.8	166.8	102%	5.23
27	169.5	165.7	102%	5.24
September 3	152.6	163.7	93%	5.20
10	152.5	163.1	94%	5.28
17	171.3	164.8	104%	5.33
Year to date	6027.2	6096.7	99%	
September 24		165.7		
October 1		165.1		

BROILER/CATTLE/HOG WEEKLY ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER

Under Federal Inspection

W/E	09/24/05	09/17/05	% CHG	09/25/04	% CHG
Broilers	165,596	169,204*	-2.13	161,724*	+2.39
Cattle	642	652	-02	619*	+04
Hogs	2,098	2,026	+04	2,104*	0

*ACTUAL

EASTERN REGION MISCELLANEOUS POULTRY

FOR CURRENT DELIVERY FOR THE WEEK OF 19-SEP-2005

DUCKLINGS: PRICES NEGOTIATED BY FIRST RECEIVERS, US GRADE A, 4-5 POUNDS, DELIVERED IN TRUCKLOT AND POOL TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, CENTS PER POUND

ORIGIN	FROZEN	FRESH
LONG ISLAND	143-145	149-153
MOSTLY		

MIDWEST	132-140	133-141
MOSTLY		

ROASTERS: PRICES NEGOTIATED BY FIRST RECEIVERS, US GRADE A AND PLANT GRADE, 5 POUNDS AND UP, DELIVERED, CENTS PER POUND

	RANGE	MOSTLY
ICE PACKED (12 PER BOX)	67.00-79.50	76.00-78.50
VACUUM PACKED (6-9 PER BOX)	71.00-87.75	78.00-82.00

SQUABS: NEW YORK AREA WHOLESALE PRICES, FROZEN, PLANT GRADE, DOLLARS PER DOZEN, 1 TO 10 BOXES

12 OZ.	63.36-72.90
14 OZ.	69.84-81.00
16 OZ.	74.88-89.10

THE EASTERN REGION INCLUDES:

CT,DE,FL,GA,MA,MD,ME,NC,NH,NJ,NY,PA RI,SC,VA,VT,WV

CENTRAL REGION DUCKLINGS Prices were unchanged. The trade sentiment was steady. Demand was moderate to usually good. Supplies adequate for current needs. Weights were desirable. Schedules full time. Prices paid to first receivers for 10-18oz boneless breast at \$3.50-5.25, bone in legs at \$1.45-1.95, gizzards at \$1.35-1.40, wings at \$0.50-0.65, livers at \$0.95-1.70, and feet at \$1.00-1.15.

NEGOTIATED BY FIRST RECEIVERS FOR US GRADE A DELIVERED IN TRUCKLOT AND POOL TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, 4-5 POUNDS, WEEK OF 19-SEP-2005

ORIGIN	FROZEN	FRESH
MIDWEST AND OTHERS	126-146	128-148

GRAYSTONE SMALL ANIMAL AUCTION - DATE OF AUCTION: 09-20-05

AI PAPERS REQUIRED TO SELL ALL OUT OF STATE POULTRY

Prices paid per pound, except as noted.	RANGE
Muscovy Ducks - Drakes	.80 - 1.00
Muscovy Ducks - Hens	.80 - 1.00
Pekin Ducks	2.00 - 3.00ea.
Red Fowl 4-5 LBS	.30 - .45
Red Fowl 5-6 LBS	.47 - .52
Crossbred Fowl 5-9 LBS	.45 - .50
Crossbred Roosters 4-6 LBS	.70 - .90
Crossbred Roosters 7-11 LBS	.65 - .80
Guinea Fowl	1.00 - 1.10
Banty Roosters	2.50 - 2.75ea.
Banty Hens	1.75 - 2.00ea.
Leghorn Hens	.35 - .40ea.
Leghorn Roosters	.85 - 1.00ea.
Silkie	2.00 - 3.00ea.
Pigeons	3.00 - 3.10ea.
White Pigeons	2.00 - 2.25ea.
Rabbits 4-6 LBS	.60 - .80
Rabbits 6-9 LBS	.60 - .80
Bunnies	1.00 - 4.00ea.
Guinea Pigs	.02 - .50ea.
Goats	45.00 - 50.00ea.
Kid Goats	30.00 - 35.00ea.

Total Coops Sold 530

NATIONAL CANNER FOWL MARKET Trading was too few to report for heavy canners; unchanged on lights when compared to a week earlier. Demand was light to fair at best for light canners; heavy canners were fair to no better than moderate with most available supplies being used internally. Offerings were at least adequate for current trade needs. Processing schedules were noted as normal. The undertone was steady to about steady.

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, WITHOUT FREIGHT COST	
LIGHT CANNER HENS	HEAVY CANNER HENS
(LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)	(WITHOUT NECKS)
19-28 MAJORITY 24.5-25.5	TOO FEW SALES TO REPORT

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, FREIGHT COST INCLUDED	
LIGHT CANNER HENS	HEAVY CANNER HENS
(LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)	(WITHOUT NECKS)
21-29 MAJORITY 26-27	TOO FEW SALES TO REPORT

LIGHT TYPE HENS

CENTS PER HEAD, GENERALLY FOR REMOVAL WITHIN THE NEXT 10 DAYS (INCLUDES HANDLING, FREIGHT AND ANY OTHER CHARGES, WEIGHTS AVERAGE ABOUT 3.50 POUNDS)

EASTERN REGION LIGHT LIVE HEN Majority prices were unchanged when compared to a week earlier. Demand was fair to moderate for the generally adequate offerings of spent hens. Processing schedules were noted as normal. Trade sentiment was steady.

	RANGE	MAJORITY
REMOVAL COST	6-13	9-11

SOUTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN Trading was too few to report. Demand was light for adequate supplies of spent hens. Schedules were reduced. Finished sales were fair. Disposal costs were expected to remain constant.

	RANGE	MAJORITY
REMOVAL COST	TOO FEW TO REPORT	

NORTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN Removal costs mostly prices were unchanged. Offerings were light to adequate with demand moderate. Trade sentiment steady. Schedules full-time for next week.

	RANGE	MAJORITY
REMOVAL COST	4.5-11	8-10

WEST COAST LIGHT LIVE HEN Plant schedules light to moderate. Offerings light to adequate.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) *
PRELIMINARY PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR
SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 22-AUGUST-05

SOUTHEAST LIVE HEAVY-TYPE HENS Sales were too few to report prices. Demand was mostly fair for the adequate to at least adequate offerings. Processing schedules for next week were noted as mostly normal. Sales of finished product were more than sufficient for current needs. The undertone was steady.

	RANGE	MAJORITY
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	TOO FEW TO REPORT	
AT FARM PRODUCER LOADING	TOO FEW TO REPORT	
FOB PLANT	TOO FEW TO REPORT	

* WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

SOUTH CENTRAL LIVE HEAVY-TYPE HENS Sales were too few to report. Demand was moderate. Schedules were normal. Finished sales were fair. Trade sentiment was about steady.

	RANGE	MAJORITY
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	TOO FEW TO REPORT	

* WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

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